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In re the Application of :
Hartley Moyes : Art Unit: 3635
Serial No. 09/985,673 : Examiner: Chi Q. Nguyen
Filed: November 5, 2001 : Atty. Dkt: 6240.241

Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING:
A MOLDED DOOR SKIN FROM A FLAT
WOOD COMPOSITE, DOOR SKIN :
PRODUCED THEREFROM, AND DOOR
MANUFACTURED THEREWITH :

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

A Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed January 14, 2008 in the above-captioned matter, stating: "The brief does not contain a statement of the claims that fall or stand together in the Argument Section."

It is Appellant's understanding that the rules no longer require the specific language for grouping the claims. Nevertheless, Appellant's Appeal Brief specifically

states in the "Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal" section "that all of the claims on appeal are separately patentable" and "claims 18-20 and 23-39 do not stand or fall together". See Appeal Brief, p. 6. In addition, in the 'Argument' section, Appellant states "that each claim on appeal is separately patentable". See Appeal Brief, p. 7. Appellant provides separate arguments for each claim on appeal.

The undersigned advised Examiner Nguyen of the above by telephone interview on January 16, 2007. It was determined that the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief should not have been issued. Examiner Nguyen suggested that Appellant file a brief response to the Notification explaining this error.

It is Appellant's understanding that its originally filed Appeal Brief is compliant, and that no other submissions aside from this response are required in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief.

Should Appellant's understanding be incorrect, or should any other submissions be required at this time, then please notify the undersigned.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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